(c) the steps Government have taken to tighten security at Indo-Pak borders?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) According to available information quantity of RDX recovered during August September and October is as under:

August, 1998	86 Kg.
September, 1998	87 Kg.
October, 1998	521 Kg.

(c) Government is alive to the situation and is taking all necessary steps to compat and frustrate the designs of ISI by sensiting and gearing up the intelligence machinery, sharing of intelligence and coordinated action by concerned Central and State agencies. Close vigil is being kept by the security forces along the border/LUC and in the interior areas. Various arrangements have been made for this purpose including intensive patrolling, provision and use of surveillance equipments including night vision devices etc., deployment of forces in the vulnerable areas both on the LOC/ Border and in the hinterland, setting up of village Defence Committees in some of the sensitive regions near the border etc. The arrangements are being continuously reviewed and strengthened as found necessary.

Declaring Pakistan as a Terrorist State

380. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a particular section of the society of J&K has already been made target of Pakistan supported terrorist activities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that situation in J&K has not materially changed as the terrorists continue to get all help from Pakistan; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take get Pakistan declared as Terrorist State?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) With a view to spread communal divide in J&K, people belonging to the minority community in the Valley, specifically Kashmiri Pandits, have been prime targets of Pak sponsored militants since the eruption of militancy in the State. Of late militants have started targetting innocent people mostly belonging to Hindu Community in Jammu region also.

(b) Due to sustained pressure and concerted actions of the Security Forces and the State administration, the number of incidents has decreased in the State and particularly in the Valley. There has been significant improvement in the situation and the life is moving towards normalcy. However, militants continue to get all kinds of help from Pak ISI to sustain the violence in J&K.

(c) Govt. has consistently brought to the attention of the international community, Pakistan's active involvement in the instigation and sponsorship of terrorism against India, particularly in J&K. Pakistan's role in such activities is widely acknowledged by international public opinion.

Laden in Kashmir

381. SHRI DHARAM PAL YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that international terrorist Osmabin-Laoen alongwith about 700 hired and trained terrorists have entered Kashmir with the purpose of propagating terrorism, as reported in all the newspapers of the country;

(b) the reasons for Government's failure to check infiltration from borders; and

(c) whether Government have taken any effective action to check the intiltration, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?